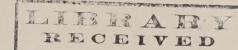
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Ballay Dahlia Gardens

4309 El Camino Real

PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

CATALINA

### TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CATALOGUE

## BALLAY DAHLIA GARDENS

# 4309 El Camino Real PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

**PLEASE NOTE** — When ordering please write NAME and ADDRESS plainly, also state date delivery is desired. It is better not to have roots delivered until you are ready to use them. As the stock of some varieties is limited and the demand this year is heavy, it is well to name some second choices. We do not substitute without permission. All shipments prior to April 1st, except on the Pacific Coast, are sent by Express Collect to insure against freezing. We do not sell green plants. Prices listed are for strong field-grown root divisions.

**TERMS** — CASH WITH ORDER or before date of shipment. On retail orders for California delivery  $2\frac{1}{2}$ % Sales Tax should be added to the amount to comply with the Sales Tax Law. We guarantee that all roots sent are true to name and in good growing condition, but beyond this assume no responsibility. All orders are accepted with this provision.

#### EXPLANATION OF TYPES -

Informal Decorative (I. D.). Double flowers, full to the center, usually with long irregular petals.

Formal Decorative (F. D.). Double flowers, full to the center, usually with broad flat petals. Cactus (C.). Double flowers, full to the center, with long, narrow, pointed petals, incurved, recurved or straight, and rolled at least half their length.

Semi-Cactus (S. C.). Double flowers, full to the center, with coarse, twisted petals, usually somewhat incurved, and rolled ordinarily less than half their length.

DAHLIA	SEEDS — Hand	pollenized	dahlia	seeds	from	the	largest	and	best
varieties.							10.00 p	er 100	) Net

S10.00 per Dozen Net



### **OUR NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1948**

(Illustrated on front cover)





CATALINA — Semi-Cactus. Bright rose red of the American Beauty shade. Fairly large flower most brilliantly colored that blooms early and most freely over a long period. Plant is of medium height, foliage is particularly attractive, and the numerous branches grow in such a manner as to require little disbudding. It would be ideal for landscape work though none the less useful for exhibition or cutting. We consider this one of the most impressive of all our dahlias.

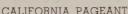
\$15.00 Net





SPECIAL OFFER — One strong division each of the three above-mentioned new introductions for \$40.00 Net







FRIEDA GAYLORD

### OTHER DAHLIAS OF OUR OWN INTRODUCTION

ALCAZAR — S.C. Deep fuchsia red or bright reddish purple. It belongs in the purple class according to the color chart, and the formation of the flower is frequently very close to the true cactus type. A nice large dahlia outstanding as to beauty and distinctiveness that blooms early and freely on the best of stems. New 1946.

**BELVEDERE** — I.D. Silvery pink, a clear true pink with lighter shadings. This is a huge flower with excellent substance. Stem is extra long, straight and strong. Plant is very vigorous and produces freely. New 1945. \$3.50



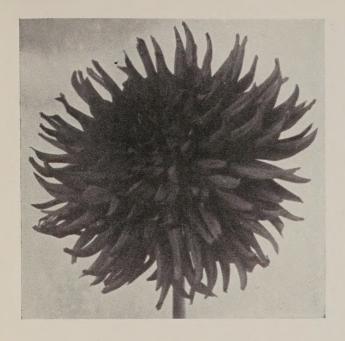


NIGHTINGALE

BUTTERFLY

<b>BUTTERFLY</b> — I.D. Henna-orange with reverse and center rosy mauve. The odd combination of color is new and has been the subject of much favorable comment. It is a large, well-formed flower with pointed petals, reliable and attractive. Prolific bloomer
CALIFORNIA IDOL — I. D. Lemon yellow. Famous the world over. A very large flower with ideal habits that is seldom surpassed either for garden performance or for exhibition. One of the truly great dahlias
<b>CALIFORNIA PAGEANT</b> — I. D. Bright gold with shadings of reddish bronze. Very large flower of very gay coloring. Strong, straight stems hold the well-formed blooms facing perfectly. Highest scoring dahlia at Storrs in 1946. Three blooms on one plant at the same time measured 13 x 8 inches. \$7.50
<b>CALIFORNIA PEACH</b> —S. C. Bright coral or peach. Definitely attractive because of size and color. A little difficult to grow in some localities
CALIFORNIA ROSE — I.D. Clear bright rose. Exquisite coloring, large, tall growing. Has been described as a good keeper when cut
<b>CONFUCIUS</b> — S.C. Chinese red (bright coral red). This very striking dahlia is a real giant with many winnings to its credit. Few dahlias have achieved greater popularity and it doubtless ranks with the very best
CORONADO — I.D. Bright rose magenta. An interesting and sturdy variety that should be more widely grown. Flower is large and of very attractive coloring with a good stem. Plant of medium height
DOROTHY LAMOUR — Str. Cac. True orange. A dahlia of great charm because of its rare color and useful qualities. This is a distinctive variety that is much in demand

DRESDEN — I.D. Clear pink lavender. An uncommon color and very pleasing.  A grand old dahlia
ESPLENDIDO — I.C. Reddish coral pink. True type cactus of a most attractive and unusual color. Very tall, strong growing and an abundant producer of fine blooms. One of the best cactus in commerce
EUGENIA BALLAY — I.D. Rich cream. An early and free-blooming variety with good habits of growth. Good color. Fair size
<b>EVELYN CHANDLER</b> — S.C. Golden apricot. A spectacular flower of fine coloring and great size. It has been a consistent winner in numerous shows, sometimes as largest bloom. Very desirable
FAVORITA — I.C. Canary yellow. Best yellow cactus. The outer petals of this true type cactus fold well back to the stem. Bloom is of good size and stem is always good. \$2.00
FIRST LADY — I.D. Yellow shaded orange. Large flower of fine form. Strong grower with attractive foliage and stems holding the blooms well above the plant. A very good variety
FRIEDA GAYLORD — I.D. Rosy pink lightly shaded with gold. A magnificent dahlia of remarkable size and vigor. Will produce very large blooms through the whole season, some as large as 15 inches in diameter. Has won a number of major prizes in the leading shows in different parts of the country the past year. That it is one of the truly great dahlias of all time is our candid opinion. New 1946. \$5.00
GALA CALIFORNIA — I.C. Scarlet orange. One of the best cactus. Attracts attention because of the bright unusual color. It will supply many fine blooms on good stems and seems to do well anywhere
GAYLORD BALLAY — I.D. Pure white. A new giant white that has created a great sensation. Superlative size, vigorous, tall growing. Largest and purest white to date that is winning in strong competition
GERTRUDE LAWRENCE — I.D. Light cerise red. Outstanding variety both as to size and color. Early to bloom. Plant of medium height
GRANDEE — I.D. Light red shaded orange yellow. Noticeable because of its great size. Plant growth rather sparse
GRAND MARSHAL — S.C. Reddish-violet. Large true type semi-cactus. Un- common color. Particularly good in the late season. \$1.50







BALLAY ROUGE

PALO ALTO — I.D. Salmon shading to gold. One of the best of the older varieties. A dahlia of fine color that is easy to grow. Rather tall plant producing many good flowers on long stems.
\$1.00

**REGALIA** — I.C. Bright cerise. An unusual cactus with perfect stems. This dahlia has proven to be a valuable addition to its class on account of its many fine qualities. A striking color and a lavish bloomer throughout the season. **\$2.00** 

**SIR FRANCIS DRAKE** — I.D. Golden bronze shading deeper at the center. Very large flower with exceptional depth. One of the very best in the autumn shades which are always popular. We have had many fine reports on the performance of this dahlia the past season. **\$2.00** 

YANKEE DOODLE — I.D. Fuchsia purple with crimson shadings. Giant size, rare coloring, good habits. An ideal exhibition dahlia. Not particularly recommended for climates where the summers are extremely hot and dry......\$2.50

### GOOD VARIETIES OF OTHER GROWERS

(Name in parenthesis is that of the introducer. In the case of foreign dahlias the name of the country is given)

ADOLPH MAYER — I.D. (Holland.) Maroon. Very dark medium sized flower. Strong free branching plant and a prolific bloomer. \$1.00
A. C. GOODACRE — F.D. (Dixie.) Bright yellow tipped white. A real bi-color. Vigorous and productive
<b>ALICE MAY</b> — I.D. (Australia.) Pure white. Large and deep with good stems and excellent substance. Dependable in the garden and generally useful\$1.00
<b>ALL AMERICAN</b> — S.C. (Salem.) Mulberry rose. A true semi-cactus of good form, unusual color and large size. Very desirable for all purposes
AMELIA EARHART — S.C. (Cordes.) Apricot buff with salmon shadings. One of the best of the older varieties because of the richly colored blooms of large size held facing on a good stem
AXFORD TRIUMPH — I.D. (Australia.) Bronze and tan. A new variety of large size that is a robust grower with excellent habits
BETTY STAKER — I.D. (Australia.) Dull gold with rose shadings. A massive flower and a beautiful color. Very impressive in the garden
BILL'S GOLD — I.D. (Australia.) Bright old gold. One of the best of its color and an all-around fine dahlia. Very large, good grower, good stems\$2.00
BLUE RIVER — I.D. (Salem.) Bluish-lavender. As near to blue as we have in dahlias. Always attracts attention. Good size
CAMEO — F.D. (Fisher-Masson.) Soft coral or salmon pink. Color is most pleasing. Large flowers on long stems. Very satisfactory
<b>CARL G. DAHL</b> — I.D. (Scott.) Old rose and gold. A consistent winner as largest bloom. Petals are broad and well placed and have good substance\$1.50
CHARLOTTE COLLIS — I.D. (Australia.) Orange red. Brilliant color and a free and early bloomer. Stems are weak at times
CLARA CARDER — I.D. (Australia.) Cyclamen pink. A new and pleasing color, fine form. Has capacity for great size. Prefers cool weather
CHAUTAUQUA GIANT — I.D. (Chautauqua.) Sunset pink and gold. Large and attractive. Blooms freely on fair stems



REGALIA

CONQUEROR — S.C. (Holland.) Clear sulphur yellow. Well-formed clean-cut flower of fairly large size and good stems. A useful and beautiful variety. New 1946.

\$3.50

COMMANDO — F.D. (Golden Rule.) Phlox purple. Vividly colored bloom, large and attractive. A formal in a new color.

\$2.50

CORNELL — I.D. (Parrella.) Deep red, tipped white. A fair sized bi-color with good markings. Good grower but not a prolific bloomer......\$2.00

**EVENTIDE** — I.D. (Bissell.) True purple. Fairly large flowers of unusual form, each petal being notched and slightly twirled. Nice plant with dark foliage. \$2.00





IOSEPH B. LANKTREE

FIRST LADY

GOLDEN STANDARD — I.C. (Downs.) Amber buff. Large exhibition cactus.

Good grower and excellent keeper......\$1.00

**GOULBURN**—I.C. (Australia.) Yellow shading to apricot. A true cactus of large size. Outstanding in its class with great possibilities in the showroom. **\$2.50** 



EVELYN CHANDLER

GREATER GLORY - S.C. (Sa-
lem.) Rose pink shading to
cream. Large well-formed
flower on a tall plant. A
valuable addition to the semi-
cactus class. \$1.00

HILLSIDE JOY — S.C. (Bissell.)
Apricot buff. Artistic flower of beautiful coloring and fine stems. Medium size.......\$2.00

HULIN'S MELODY — S.C. (Hulin.) Pale gold with mauve shadings. Fine bloom of good size in an odd color combination. Grows strong and blooms abundantly. Very desirable.......\$2.00

<b>HUNT'S VELVET WONDER</b> — I.D. (Hunt-Burnett.) Cerise purple. This is a huge
flower with broad petals and great depth. Plant is rugged and of medium
height with rather short stems\$1.00
INDIAN GIANT—I.D. (Emmons.) Reddish apricot. Very large exhibition varie-
ty. Plants are low and bushy and continue to produce fine blooms over a long
period. Color is different and much admired
IVORY PRINCESS—S.C. (Ruschmohr.) Ivory white. Large, well-formed flower
of an unusual shade. Strong grower with good stems. Outstanding\$2.00
JANE LAUSCHE—S.C. (Rocky River.) Lavender tipped white. Decidedly a
new combination of color and an all-around good dahlia. It was a big prize
winner in its introductory year. A novelty of real merit. New 1945
KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD—I.D. (Rocky River.) Bright gold with a reddish suffusion.
First blooms are very large. Stems are long and strong. An early bloomer\$2.50

LYNN FONTANNE—S.C. (Lee-Parrella.) Light red. Very large and full. Improves as the season advances. Winner of many prizes as largest bloom. \$2.00

MAFFIE—S.C. (Exnar-Johnson.)
Carmine red. Truly spectacular.
First blooms are extremely large and have frequently won as largest in the show. Tall, open grower. \$2.00



SILVER JUBILEE

MARGRACE — I.D. (Bissell.) Bright red lightly tipped gold. The large long-
stemmed blooms are freely produced through the whole season\$1.00
MARION SMITH — I.D. (Australia.) Clear pink. The large graceful blooms fair-
ly cover the sturdy plant of medium height. A charming color and a first-class dahlia in every way
MARY RETZER — I.D. (Retzer.) Clear lavender. A clean crisp flower of fairly large size. Fine growing habits. Good
Targe Size. Time growing maples. Good
MISS SAN DIEGO — I.C. (Comstock.) Bright salmon pink with yellow center.
Nice full flower with cleft petals. One of the very best cactus. New and unusual
MONARCH OF THE EAST—I.D. (Almy.) Bright golden apricot. Giant flowers
borne profusely on a rampant growing bush. Colorful
MOTHER'S DAY — I.D. (Australia.) Creamy white. Beautifully shaped blooms
of great size. Stem stalks are very tall and sometimes need support\$2.00
MOON GODDESS — I.D. (Dozier.) Primrose yellow. Attractive nicely formed
flower of large size. Husky plant growth and strong stems

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REAL GLORY - F.D. (Stephenson.) Pure white. A clear glistening white of
fine form and extra good substance. Good grower and free bloomer. Unsur-
passed in its class\$2.50
RITA WELLS — I.D. (Ruschmohr.) Pale rose and buff. Very large early flower-
ing variety. Excellent growing qualities. \$1.00
RUBY LOXTON — I.D. (Australia.) Bright rose. Large well-colored flower.
Blooms early and freely on a strong vigorous plant
SALEM SUNSHINE — I.D. (Salem.) Bright yellow. Another very large new yel-
low. Bush is low but stems are long and wiry and hold the magnificent bloom
upright. Is not temperamental as to weather
SARETT'S PINK FLAMINGO — I.C. (Ruschmohr.) Clear rose pink. A charming
cactus dahlia that has been a big winner in the shows. Large size for a cactus
and with excellent formation and stem. This has given us some very fine
blooms this season\$2.50
SHERWOOD'S PEACH — I.D. (Ruschmohr.) Apricot buff. Very large size,
beautiful color, vigorous grower. New and striking\$2.50
SILVER GLAMOUR — I.D. (Golden Rule.) Rosy purple with petals suffused and
edged with white. Quite similar to the original Glamour in everything but
color. Spectacular. \$10.00
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SOUTHERN ROSE — I.D. (Dozier.) Bright rose pink. Large and attractive both
for garden or exhibition. Strong grower and good bloomer
ST. THERESA — I.C. (Holland.) Pale pink with white center. Dainty flower of
true pastel coloring. Stem strong and straight
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STEPHEN FOSTER — I.C. (Salem.) Golden buff suffused orange. Tall, strong
plant producing many well-formed flowers of large size. A valuable addition
to the cactus class\$2.00
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SUNBURST — I.D. (Smith.) Golden yellow. Giant blooms freely produced on
a strong vigorous plant. A first-class new yellow

TOPFLIGHT — S.C. (Dozier.) Bright crimson. Fine large red that does not fade.  Perfect formation. Long straight stem. Tall grower
TOPS—I.D. (Dozier.) Bright yellow. A true giant in the most pleasing shade of yellow. Has good depth and is well formed. Never fails to attract attention. \$2.00
TOWN TOPIC — F.D. (Hulin.) Bright purple sometimes tipped white. Full, well-built flower on a long strong stem. A nice variety
TROJAN — I.D. (Salem.) Deep red with yellow reverse. Color will vary from deep red to almost orange in flowers on the same bush. All are large and well supported by good stems
VICTRIX — I.D. (Holland.) Bluish lilac. Large flower of unusual coloring. A foreign novelty of real promise
VIRGINIA RUTE — I.D. (Chautauqua.) Dark red. Large, deep, broad petalled bloom. All around good dahlia
<b>WAKE ISLAND</b> — S.C. (Hulin.) Deep bright red. A nice large flower of most attractive coloring. Blooms freely on a strong, shapely plant
WENOKA — F.D. (Hulin.) Deep orchid rose. A true formal of large size. Unusual and good. Plant tall and strong. Stem fair
WORLD EVENT — I.D. (Dixie.) Deep rose pink. Large flower of pleasing formation held on a good straight stem. We like this dahlia very much as it grows in our garden
YOTO — I.D. (Japan.) Amber yellow with shadings of pink. Very large flower with petals twisted and curled. Rugged grower with all good habits. Good for all purposes